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TO: William T Fujioka
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FROM: Sachi A. Hamai 
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: RESTROOMS AT COUNTY BEACHES

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held May 31, 2011, Supervisor Yaroslavsky requested you to report back on the feasibility of redistributing money within the Department of Beaches and Harbors' budget to allow funding for better cleaning and maintenance of restrooms at County Beaches.

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

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Enclosure

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1 MORE LOVING, RESPONSIBLE PARENTS BY PROVIDING THE TOOLS TO
2 ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE REARING AND WELL-BEING OF THEIR
3 CHILDREN. HE WAS A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AT THE CHILDREN'S
4 INSTITUTE FOR MORE THAN 25 YEARS AND ALSO SERVED AS A
5 PROFESSOR OF COUNSEL AND COUNSELOR EDUCATION AT CAL STATE
6 UNIVERSITY AT LOS ANGELES WHERE HE TAUGHT AND MENTORED SEVERAL
7 GENERATIONS OF CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS. IN ADDITION TO
8 BEING REMEMBERED FOR HIS DEDICATION TO HELPING CHILDREN
9 RECOVER FROM THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
10 VIOLENCE, ABUSE AND NEGLECT, HE WILL ALSO BE REMEMBERED FOR
11 HIS SINCERE COMPASSION, INNOVATIVE TEACHING STYLE, BEING A
12 ROLE MODEL FOR ALL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON AND TWO
13 DAUGHTERS, AND 16 FOSTER CHILDREN. DR. HERSHEL SWINGER, MR.
14 MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES.

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16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
17 DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ITEMS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I HAVE NO FURTHER ITEMS, MR. MAYOR.

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21 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I DID
24 HAVE ONE QUESTION I WANTED TO ASK ASK THE C.E.O. OR HIS
25 REPRESENTATIVE. I'M GETTING A NUMBER, A LARGE NUMBER OF



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1 COMPLAINTS ABOUT BEACHES AND HARBORS DEPARTMENT CHANGING
2 POLICY ON THE CLEANING OF RESTROOMS ALONG THE BEACH. I SUSPECT
3 THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE. IN A
4 NUTSHELL, CAN WE GET THIS THING BACK ON TRACK AND FIGURE OUT A
5 WAY TO MOVE MONEY AROUND IN THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET OR HOWEVER
6 YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT? BECAUSE THIS IS JUST THE WORST THING IN
7 THE WORLD, AND FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, IS SOMETHING THAT IS
8 USED HEAVILY BY THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THEY GET TO THE
9 PLACE THEY'RE GOING AND THEY FIND THAT IT'S NOT CLEAN, THAT
10 IT'S NOT PROPERLY MAINTAINED. I HAVE THE SAME REACTION WHEN
11 THE CITY DOESN'T EMPTY GARBAGE CANS, WHICH IS A PROBLEM. BUT
12 THIS IS REALLY, I KNOW WHEN REAL PEOPLE ARE REALLY
13 COMPLAINING, AND THEY ARE ON THIS ONE. SO I HAD A CONVERSATION
14 BRIEFLY WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT TODAY AND I
15 BELIEVE HE'S MEETING WITH YOUR STAFF TODAY. I WOULD JUST LIKE
16 TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO RESOLVE THIS. SUMMER IS HERE AND BEACH
17 VISITATION IS UP. 12 MILLION PEOPLE THIS YEAR OVER LAST YEAR
18 OVER THE TWO YEARS EARLIER, SO THIS IS AN ISSUE.

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20 C.E.O. FUJIOKA: OKAY, ARE YOU FINISHED?

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22 SUP YAROSLAVSKY: I'M DONE.

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24 C.E.O. FUJIOKA: WE COULD, OF COURSE, LOOK AT THIS. WHAT
25 HAPPENED WAS THAT WHEN THE TANF FUNDS RAN OUT, THESE 30



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1 POSITIONS WERE FUNDED THROUGH THAT PARTICULAR PROGRAM. IF IT
2 IS, ABSOLUTELY. WE'LL LOOK AND SEE WHAT KIND MUCH FUNDS WE CAN
3 FIND. WE TALKED TO SANTOS [KREIMANN], THE DIRECTOR, AND HE
4 MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING SOME RECURRENT STAFF, SOME
5 TEMPORARY STAFF FOR THE PERIOD DURING THE HIGH PEAK, DURING
6 THE SUMMERTIME. WE LOOKED AT THIS DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS.
7 AND BECAUSE IT WAS CAUSED BY THE LOSS OF THE FUNDS, WE WEREN'T
8 BACKFILLING ANYTHING. THERE WERE SOME COMPETING NEEDS, BUT IF
9 IT IS A PRIORITY, WE'LL ABSOLUTELY COME BACK WITH A PROPOSAL
10 NEXT WEEK AND PUT IT ON YOUR BOARD'S AGENDA.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M NOT LOOKING FOR A BACKFILL. I DON'T
13 THINK ANYBODY IS. BUT THESE THREE SUMMER MONTHS ARE CRITICAL.
14 I WOULD MAKE IT A ZERO SUM GAME. FIND SOME OTHER SAVINGS IN
15 THEIR DEPARTMENT. I'M NOT LOOKING FOR A BACKFILL.

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17 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL FIND A PROPOSAL FOR YOU, THEN TO ADDRESS
18 THIS.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT AS I UNDERSTAND IT, BILL, THE LEVEL OF
21 SERVICE THEY ARE PROVIDING NOW IS LESS THAN THE LEVEL OF
22 SERVICE THEY WERE PROVIDING BEFORE THE FEDERAL MONEY WAS
23 AVAILABLE. THEY HAD A CERTAIN LEVEL OF SERVICE. THEY GOT
24 FEDERAL MONEY. AND IT WENT UP. AND THEN THEY LOST THE FEDERAL



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1 MONEY AND IT HAS GONE BELOW WHAT IT WAS WHEN THEY GOT THE
2 FEDERAL MONEY TWO YEARS AGO.

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4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I BELIEVE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTORS THAT
5 IS DRIVING THIS PROBLEM. ONE, AS YOU MENTIONED, THERE'S A
6 SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE USAGE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
7 VISITING OUR BEACHES. AND SO THAT MAY HAVE TO DO WITH THE
8 ECONOMY AND PEOPLE INSTEAD OF TRAVELING, STAYING HOME.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT.

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12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** BUT FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND, THERE'S THE SHEER
13 VOLUME AT THE BEACHES HAS INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. SO THAT
14 PLACES A LARGER DEMAND ON THE RESTROOMS. THERE'S ALSO WITH
15 RESPECT OF LEVEL OF SERVICE, I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE OPENING THE
16 RESTROOMS LATER IN THE DAY THAN THEY DID IN THE PAST. PART OF
17 THAT WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THEY HAD THE EXTRA POSITIONS
18 THROUGH THE FEDERAL FUNDS. BUT WE CAN LOOK AT BOTH. WE
19 UNDERSTAND THAT THAT'S A PROBLEM.

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21 **SUP KNABE:** MR. MAYOR?

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23 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THEN SUPERVISOR
24 KNABE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HOPE THIS IS ON. IS IT ON? YOU KNOW, AS WE LOOK
4 AT OUR BUDGET, AND I'VE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH HOW WE'VE BEEN
5 ABLE TO MAINTAIN OUR BUDGET. BUT EVERY SINGLE, IN THE LAST TWO
6 YEARS WE HAVE BEEN ASKING DEPARTMENTS TO CUT BACK. AND SO I
7 MEAN THAT'S THEY'RE TAKING 3 PERCENT AND 4 PERCENT OUT OF
8 THEIR BUDGET.

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10 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S ON AVERAGE 17 RIGHT NOW, SUPERVISOR.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT AND SO IT'S COMING OUT SO I THINK THERE'S
13 NO DOUBT THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE IMPLICATIONS DOWN THE LINE.
14 AND SO TO GAUGE BACK AND SAY WELL TWO YEARS AGO BEFORE THEY
15 GOT THOSE DOLLARS, I'M NOT SAYING BATHROOMS SHOULD NOT BE
16 CLEANED. I THINK IT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. IT ISN'T A VERY
17 SIGNIFICANT ISSUE. BUT I DO THINK AND THERE MAY BE AN
18 INCREASE, BUT WE'RE LOOKING AT STATE PARKS THAT ARE CLOSING.
19 AND I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CONCERNS ABOUT EVEN IN OUR
20 PARKS AND SO ON AS FAR AS RESTROOMS ARE CONCERNED. BUT I DO
21 THINK WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT "OH, CAN I
22 HAVE THIS DONE"? THEN THAT MEANS SOMETHING ELSE IS NOT GOING
23 ON. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH MAKING THE REQUEST. I THINK
24 THAT'S APPROPRIATE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO PROBABLY SEE THIS AS WE
25 START SEEING SOME DEFICIENCY OF SERVICES. MANY YEARS BACK,



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1 WHEN WE HAD TO CUT OUT AND LIMIT SOME OF THE ISSUES WITH
2 REGARD TO OUR BEACHES AND OUR BEACH RESPONSIBILITY AND THE
3 STATE COULDN'T HELP US AT THAT TIME, HOPEFULLY GET COOPERATION
4 FROM FOLKS THAT ARE ALSO MAKING UTILIZATION, RECOGNIZING AND
5 UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY
6 TO MAKE UP FOR ALL OF THOSE SERVICES. I DON'T KNOW HOW OFTEN
7 THOSE BATHROOMS ARE CLEANED, IF THEY'RE CLEANED EVERY MORNING
8 AND IT'S A MATTER OF ISSUE OF USAGE AND WHETHER ALL OF A
9 SUDDEN IT'S GOING TO BE MEANING THREE OR FOUR TIMES ON THE
10 SAME DAY, ON A WEEKEND, I DON'T KNOW. BUT I JUST DON'T WANT US
11 TO BE CREATING PRIORITIES FOR THE DEPARTMENTS AFTER WE SET AS
12 A PRIORITY THAT WE NEED TO MAKE CERTAIN CUTBACKS. SO IT'S
13 GOING TO COST US SOMETHING, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT IS
14 GOING TO BE. BUT I THINK WE CAN ALL SIT HERE AND ASK FOR MORE
15 SERVICES BUT I THINK WE HAVE TO DO IT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
16 THAT WE KNOW THIS IS GOING TO COST SOME ADDITIONAL MONEY, SO
17 WHERE IS IT GOING TO COME OUT OF? I THINK THAT COULD BE SAID
18 OF ANYTHING, CROSSING GUARDS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, ALL THE
19 OTHER KINDS MUCH THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO. I APPRECIATE THE
20 PRIORITY OF IT ALL. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I HOPE IT'S
21 UNDERSTOOD THAT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BUDGET. SO IF
22 WE'RE GOING TO ASK THAT SOMETHING BE ESCALATED AFTER MONEY HAS
23 DISAPPEARED THAT WE'VE GOTTEN IN THE PAST, WE NEED TO KNOW
24 WHERE IT'S COMING FROM. NOT THAT IT'S NOT INSIGNIFICANT OR
25 UNIMPORTANT. IT'S JUST I THINK WE HAVE TO TREAT ALL OF THESE



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1 THINGS EQUAL. AND I KNOW THAT THIS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ONE
2 THAT HAS FOLLOWED THROUGH ON ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO CUT BACK
3 EVERY BUDGET YEAR THAT WE'VE ASKED THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, AM I
4 CORRECT?

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6 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, THEY'VE BEEN RESPONSIBLE IN THAT REGARD.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. SO I JUST THINK THAT WE HAVE TO
9 MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW EXACTLY. I THINK THAT MAKING THE
10 STATEMENT THAT THEY'RE NOT AS CLEAN. I MEAN THERE'S NO DOUBT
11 THERE ARE BUDGET ISSUES THAT ARE GOING ON. AND CERTAINLY WE
12 DON'T WANT TO ELIMINATE THE BATHROOMS AT OUR BEACHES, WE
13 COULDN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT. BUT THERE ARE SOME CONSEQUENCES
14 WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DOLLARS TO GO AROUND TO MEET ALL OF
15 THE VARIOUS NEEDS THAT WE HAVE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
16 SO I THINK WE DO NEED TO PRIORITIZE. BUT BEFORE WE JUST SAY DO
17 IT, LET'S FIND OUT WHAT ELSE IS BEING CUT BACK ON.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN IF I CAN JUST ON THAT POINT?
20 TEN SECONDS. I THINK YOU HEARD WHAT I SAID. I'M TALKING ABOUT
21 TAKING IT OUT OF THEIR HIDE. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY
22 PLACE THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BEACHES AND HARBORS, HAS TO SAVE
23 MONEY IS IN THE BATHROOM MAINTENANCE. I THINK THERE'S OTHER
24 PLACES TO LOOK FOR BEFORE YOU WOULD LOOK FOR ANY OTHER MONEY.
25 I'M NOT EVEN LOOKING FOR OTHER MONEY. THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY



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1 TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. YOU'RE GOING TO PAY FOR IT ONE WAY OR
2 THE OTHER BECAUSE IT IS, AS YOU SAID, A HEALTH ISSUE. AND IT'S
3 A MAJOR HEALTH ISSUE AND I'M GETTING COMPLAINTS ABOUT IT.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE ALL SHOULD KNOW. IS THAT CORRECT? THAT YOU
6 WILL TELL US ALL?

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8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ABSOLUTELY. WE'LL COME BACK WITH IT. WE'LL DO
9 AS REQUESTED. COME AT THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AS LONG AS IT'S ALL FAIR, AS LONG AS KNOW.

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE BEACHES AND PARKS, AS WELL, TOO. I MEAN THE
14 PARK MAINTENANCE, AS I RELATED THERE'S BEEN NO REDUCTION AT
15 LEAST IN OUR PARKS AS IT RELATES TO TYPICALLY BATHROOMS. THE
16 BEACHES, WE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF CALLS, MORE SO ON BEING
17 CLOSED THAN ON CLEANLINESS, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME ON
18 CLEANLINESS. BUT IT TRULY IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. ONE OF THE
19 REASONS MANY YEARS AGO WE MOVED THE LIFEGUARDS FROM THE
20 BEACHES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS EVERY TIME WE HAD A BUDGET
21 ISSUE, WE'D TAKE LIFEGUARDS OFF THE BEACHES AND NOW WE'RE
22 CLOSING BATHROOMS. AND IT TRULY IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.
23 IT'S AN EASY WAY AND A VERY PUBLIC WAY TO DO IT, TO GET
24 EVERYBODY OUTRAGED. BUT I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. I
25 MEAN WITH BEACH VISITATION UP, I MEAN IT'S SOMETHING WE REALLY



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1 NEED TO LOOK AT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S SOME OPPORTUNITY TO
2 KEEP IT AT A LEVEL. BECAUSE YOU CAN'T, YOU KNOW, TO USE THE
3 ARRA DOLLARS, THAT'S JUST NOT FAIR. I MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU
4 WERE GOING TO GET THE ARRA DOLLARS, OKAY? YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU
5 WERE GOING TO GET TEMPORARY WORKERS. SO THERE WAS A LEVEL OF
6 CLEANLINESS PRIOR TO THAT THAT SATISFIED THE PUBLIC'S DESIRES.
7 I MEAN, GRANTED, THE VISITATION MAY BE UP. BUT THE ARRA
8 DOLLARS, I MEAN THAT WAS EXTRA MONEY. I MEAN, THAT WAS THE 30
9 EMPLOYEES, THAT'S 30 EMPLOYEES YOU DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE. SO
10 THERE MAY BE A PIECE THAT YOU CAN LOOK AT AS SOME REDUCTION
11 SOMEPLACE ELSE TO PUT ON TEMPORARY FOLKS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE
12 DID WITH ARRA FOR THE BEACH CLEANLINESS DURING THE SUMMER.
13 BECUASE I MEAN IT'S JUST STARTING NOW. IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN
14 HOT. SO HANG ON.

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16 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S NO ITEM.

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20 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT YOU WANT TO HAVE THE REPORT BACK?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, HE'S GOING TO REPORT BACK NEXT WEEK.

23 BUT I WOULD JUST ENCOURAGE YOU THAT THE DECISION NEEDS TO BE
24 MADE BECAUSE SUMMER IS HERE. IT'S GOING TO TAKE TIME TO HIRE
25 UP AND ALL THAT STUFF IF YOU'RE GOING TO HIRE UP. I JUST



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1 WANTED TO CALL IT SO THAT YOU CAN DESCEND ON THAT DEPARTMENT
2 AND HELP MAKE IT HAPPEN.

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4 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YEAH THE REPORT BACK. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION. ANY OTHER ITEMS? WHICH ITEMS, SUPERVISOR, ANY OTHER
6 SPECIAL ITEMS? WE'VE DONE ALL THE ITEMS? OKAY. WE'LL DO PUBLIC
7 COMMENT. FROM LANCASTER, NICOLE PARSON, ARE YOU THERE?

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9 **NICOLE PARSON:** HI.

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11 **MIKE ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE AWAY A DOG?

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13 **NICOLE PARSON:** NO I'M NOT TRYING TO GIVE HIM AWAY. IT'S BILLY
14 GOAT, HE'S JUST AN OLDER CAT. HE DOES TRICKS. HE LIKE STANDS
15 ON MY BACK AND I CAN BALANCE HIM AND STUFF. OKAY. HEY IS IT
16 OKAY IF I SEND A LETTER, WELL I DID, BUT IS IT OKAY IF I SEND
17 ANOTHER LETTER BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WORKING ON A PROJECT YOU ALL
18 DIDN'T KNOW FOR THE LAST WEEK OR SO OR LAST MONTH OR SO BUT
19 SORT OF CAME TO A NEW PHASE. AND IF IT'S OKAY IF I CONTACT
20 YOUR ALL'S OFFICE AND THAT ALSO I ASK IF I, THE PROJECTS THAT
21 I WAS WORKING ON, IF WE COULD NOT DO LIKE A MORATORIUM FOR
22 LIKE A YEAR, NO, FOR LIKE A YEAR, BECAUSE FOR PLANNING LIKE
23 YOU GUYS WERE ALL TALKING ABOUT, AND THEN WE COULD GET LIKE
24 THE STRUCTURE TOGETHER AND LIKE ALL THE PARTS TOGETHER. I JUST
25 WANT TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW THAT. AND THAT I DID A STUDY ON THE